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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up my National Forest lands to additional e-bike use.

E-bikes are motor vehicles which have the potential to disrupt travel by non-motorized means (eg, backpacking) and local wildlife, as well as damage to existing trails and landscape. Just because they have a smaller footprint than a motorcycle or a car doesn't mean that they don't present the same threat to undeveloped lands. And because of this smaller footprint, illegal use would be much harder to monitor and prevent.

The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.